

The Honorable James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHAWNA REID,

Defendant.

CASE NO. CR19-117 JLR

**ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL  
DATE**

THIS COURT having considered the Stipulated Motion to Continue Trial Date and the facts set forth therein, and General Orders 01-20, 07-20, and related orders of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington addressing measures to reduce the spread and health risks from Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which are incorporated herein by reference, hereby FINDS as follows:

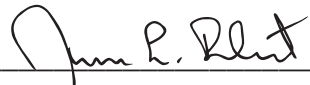
1. In light of the recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Departments of Public Health for Seattle and King Counties regarding social distancing measures required to stop the spread of this disease as well as the lack of the type of personal protective equipment necessary

- 1 to ensure the health and safety of all court participants, it is not possible at this  
2 time to proceed with a jury trial.
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- 4 2. Further, because of the recommendations that individuals at higher risk of  
5 contracting this disease –including individuals with underlying health conditions,  
6 individuals age 60 and older, and individuals who are pregnant – avoid large  
7 groups of people, at this time, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to get a jury  
8 pool that would represent a fair cross section of the community. Based on the  
9 recommendations, it would also be medically inadvisable to do so.
- 10 3. Additionally, the realized and projected impacts from the COVID-19 outbreak on  
11 trial preparations and trial proceedings are substantial. Restrictions on travel, as  
12 well as the stay at home order, will limit both government and defense counsels’  
13 ability to prepare for trial and will curtail their ability to meet with witnesses.  
14 Similarly, although defense counsel can arrange telephonic contact with the  
15 defendant, direct personal contact is strongly preferred to review relevant  
16 documents in anticipation of trial. Further, both government and defense counsel  
17 have both been encouraged to telework in an effort to both reduce personal  
18 exposure and limit transmission risk to coworkers. Convening even small  
19 gatherings has been strongly discouraged.
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- 21 4. As a result, the failure to grant a continuance of the trial date in this case would  
22 likely result in a miscarriage of justice. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A),  
23 the ends of justice served by continuing the trial in this case outweigh the best  
24 interest of the public and the defendant to a speedy trial.
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1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the parties participate in a status conference on  
2 July 2, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the status conference will be discuss a date on  
3 which the trial can be scheduled and take place without any potential impact on the health of  
4 all court participants or the community.  
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6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period time from the date of this order up to and  
7 including the date to be set for the trial at the status conference shall be excludable time  
8 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161.

9 Dated this 27th day of April, 2020.

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13 HON. JAMES L. ROBART  
14 United States District Court  
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